

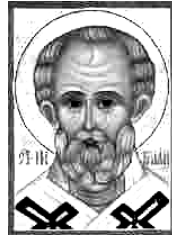
February 8, 2009
Great Martyr Theodore Stratelates

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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Schedule of Services and Activities

Today after the Divine Liturgy

In memory of Ann Kunca from her family

Wednesday, February 11th – 6:30 PM

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All are welcomed to attend. No experience or prior knowledge necessary!

Saturday, February 14th – 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 15th – 10:00 AM

Trisagion for the Departed

Daily Vespers

Bible Study

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

This week is entirely fast free, in preparation for the upcoming Great Fast, and in remembrance of the errors of the Pharisee whom we read about in today's gospel, teaching us that our righteous acts, if not done in humility and repentance, cannot bring us closer to God!

The Sisterhood will meet immediately after the Divine Liturgy today. All women of the parish are kindly asked to be present. The Blini Dinner and refreshments for the mission service will be discussed, as well as other important matters. Please attend!

Next Sunday we will celebrate the baptism of Anna Robes, daughter of Robert and Teresa Robes. On the 22nd we will celebrate the baptism of Vaughn Hollowood, son of Jeff and Juliana Hollowood.

Congratulations to our new parish council officers: Nathan Graff, President; John Kowalcheck, Vice President; Charles Wasilko, Treasurer; Nick Kowalcheck, Financial Secretary; Michelle Bittner, Recording Secretary; remaining members are Paul Fuller, Steve Meno, Alexandria Tirpak, and Donya Yewisiak.

St Nick's Corner now has the newly revised and published Orthodox Prayerbook from St Tikhon's Seminary. This is the standard prayerbook used by Orthodox Christians in the OCA translation, but has been out of print for several years. Only 7 available! \$14 each. Also a shipment has arrived from Conciliar Press of great Lenten reading material. Come and browse our selection!

Our next Hoagie/Wrap Sale will be Wednesday/Thursday, February 18/19. Order forms are at the Kiosk. Orders may be placed by phone 412 771-0176, faxed to 412 771-2444 or emailed to m.bittner@comcast.net by 7 p.m. Monday, February 16. Thank you.

The dates for the 2009 Paschalion are as follows:

Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday – Sunday, March 1st

Beginning of Great Lent - Monday, March 2nd

The Holy Pascha (Resurrection) – Sunday, April 19th (Western Easter is April 12th)

Ascension – Thursday, May 28th

Pentecost – Sunday, June 7th

Our parish will host the Deanery Mission Service on Sunday evening, April 5th at 5:00 PM (St Mary of Egypt Sunday).

The Young Adult Group is making plans for a pre-Lenten outing. Please see Melissa Graff for more info and to make your choice!

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck, sisters, Doris & Marsha and Helen March Shancey. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health of Michael Lopez, Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, George Shaytar and David Zeroniski; private intention. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Nina, Zinovi, Vladimir, Vassili, Mat. Olga & Fr. Vladimir; for the health of Valentina, Lena, Ludmila, Polina, Roman, Vladimir, Marina, Alexandra, Tatyana, Natalia and all our relatives & friends. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the health of Reader Michael Soroka, Carol Kowalcheck and the Pravlochak family. **From Mat. Joni Soroka** for the health (mother) Barbara Naiser on her 72nd birthday; special intention. **From Paul & Lois Fuller** for the health of (son) Soldier Justin and Katharine.

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Tone 1 **Troparion of the Resurrection**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!

Tone 1 **Troparion of the Feast**

Rejoice, O virgin Theotokos, full of grace!
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness!
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder;
you accepted in your arms the redeemer of our souls,
Who grants us the resurrection.

Tone 4 **Kontakion of the Triodion**

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee
And learn from the Publican's tears.
Let us cry our our Savior:
Have mercy on us,
O Only Merciful One.

Tone 1 **Kontakion of the Feast**

By Thy nativity, Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb!

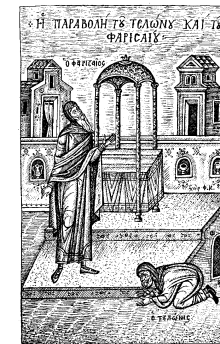
And didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God.
Now Thou hast come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Love of Man!

Tone 1 **Prokeimenon** (Psalm 33)
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

Epistle (II Tim 3:10-15)

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Gospel (Luke 18:10-14)



“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Communion Hymn (Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

Welcome to our visitors!

*While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians
who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting,
non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross
and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.
Please join us downstairs for coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.*